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## CROP PRODUCTION

**N**orth Dakota  
Planted Acres for durum wheat and all dry edible beans were updated due to a significant amount of unplanted acreage when the

June Acreage survey was conducted. Durum wheat planted acreage was revised down to 1.75 million acres, from 1.90 million in June. All dry edible bean planted acres were revised down to 550,000 acres, from 590,000 acres in June.

Other spring wheat production is forecast at 248 million bushels, down from 253 million bushels last year but up from 2002's relatively low crop of 165 million bushels. Average yield is expected to be 40 bushels per harvested acre. Durum wheat production is forecast at 51.0 million bushels compared to 58.4 million bushels last year. Barley production is forecast at 94.8 million bushels, down from 119 million last year.

Soybean production is forecast at 113 million bushels, up from 87.9 million bushels last year and a record high if realized. Acreage for harvest is estimated at 3.63 million acres, up from 3.03 million last year. Corn for grain production is forecast at a record high 176 million bushels, up 34 percent from last year. Acreage for harvest is estimated at a record high 1.60 million acres.

Dry edible bean production is forecast at 7.69 million hundredweight (cwt) for all classes, down from 7.80 million cwt last year. Acreage for harvest is expected to be 530,000 acres, up from 520,000 acres last year. Sugarbeet production is forecast at 4.99 million tons, down from 5.20 million tons last year.

**Annual Crop Summary: Area Planted and Harvested**  
**North Dakota and United States, 2003 and Forecasted August 1, 2004 <sup>1/</sup>**

| Crop                         | North Dakota |       |                |       | United States |         |                |         |
|------------------------------|--------------|-------|----------------|-------|---------------|---------|----------------|---------|
|                              | Area Planted |       | Area Harvested |       | Area Planted  |         | Area Harvested |         |
|                              | 2003         | 2004  | 2003           | 2004  | 2003          | 2004    | 2003           | 2004    |
|                              | 1,000 Acres  |       | 1,000 Acres    |       | 1,000 Acres   |         | 1,000 Acres    |         |
| Barley                       | 2,050        | 1,650 | 1,980          | 1,580 | 5,299         | 4,666   | 4,688          | 4,152   |
| Corn for Grain <sup>2/</sup> | 1,450        | 1,850 | 1,170          | 1,600 | 78,736        | 80,968  | 71,139         | 73,377  |
| Corn for Silage              |              |       | 220            |       |               |         | 6,528          |         |
| Hay, All                     |              |       | 2,950          | 2,600 |               |         | 63,342         | 61,589  |
| Alfalfa                      |              |       | 1,600          | 1,300 |               |         | 23,578         | 22,226  |
| All Other                    |              |       | 1,350          | 1,300 |               |         | 39,764         | 39,363  |
| Oats                         | 620          | 500   | 360            | 280   | 4,601         |         | 2,224          | 1,938   |
| Rye                          | 18           | 25    | 15             | 20    | 1,368         | 1,330   | 339            | 343     |
| Wheat, All                   | 8,630        | 8,290 | 8,500          | 8,120 | 61,700        | 59,719  | 52,839         | 50,556  |
| Winter                       | 130          | 240   | 120            | 220   | 44,945        | 43,450  | 36,541         | 34,825  |
| Durum                        | 2,000        | 1,750 | 1,980          | 1,700 | 2,915         | 2,592   | 2,869          | 2,521   |
| Other Spring                 | 6,500        | 6,300 | 6,400          | 6,200 | 13,840        | 13,677  | 13,429         | 13,210  |
| Canola                       | 970          | 850   | 960            | 830   | 1,082         | 946     | 1,068          | 919     |
| Flaxseed                     | 560          | 600   | 550            | 580   | 595           | 629     | 583            | 608     |
| Mustard Seed <sup>3/</sup>   |              |       |                |       | 110.0         | 68.5    | 107.0          | 65.9    |
| Rapeseed <sup>3/</sup>       |              |       |                |       | 1.3           | 11.8    | 1.2            | 11.4    |
| Safflower <sup>3/</sup>      |              |       |                |       | 221           | 142     | 212            | 133     |
| Soybeans                     | 3,150        | 3,700 | 3,030          | 3,630 | 73,404        | 74,809  | 72,321         | 73,655  |
| Sunflower, All               | 1,210        | 900   | 1,165          | 875   | 2,344         | 1,882   | 2,197          | 1,801   |
| Oil                          | 1,060        | 750   | 1,020          | 730   | 1,998         | 1,551   | 1,874          | 1,489   |
| Non-oil                      | 150          | 150   | 145            | 145   | 346           | 331     | 323            | 312     |
| Sugarbeets                   | 259          | 262   | 255            | 256   | 1,365.4       | 1,349.8 | 1,347.9        | 1,326.3 |
| Dry Edible Beans, All        | 540.0        | 550.0 | 520.0          | 530.0 | 1,406.1       | 1,360.4 | 1,346.9        | 1,301.1 |
| Navy                         | 75.0         | 85.0  | 71.0           |       | 158.2         | 192.0   | 150.9          |         |
| Pinto                        | 410.0        | 400.0 | 397.0          |       | 662.9         | 642.8   | 638.2          |         |
| Black Turtle                 | 22.0         | 41.0  | 21.0           |       | 84.3          | 140.7   | 80.7           |         |
| Dark Red Kidney              | 5.0          | 5.0   | 4.6            |       | 49.9          | 53.7    | 48.4           |         |
| Pinks                        | 8.5          | 7.0   | 7.7            |       | 32.8          | 29.7    | 31.2           |         |
| Chickpeas, All (Garbanzo)    | 5.0          | 3.5   | 4.7            |       | 43.5          | 41.6    | 41.4           |         |
| Large                        | 4.0          | 2.5   | 3.8            |       | 37.5          | 35.0    | 35.8           |         |
| Small                        | 1.0          | 1.0   | 0.9            |       | 6.0           | 6.6     | 5.6            |         |
| Great Northern               | 8.0          | 2.5   | 7.8            |       | 109.4         | 51.4    | 103.8          |         |
| Other                        | 6.5          | 6.0   | 6.2            |       | 265.1         | 208.5   | 252.3          |         |
| Dry Edible Peas              | 160          | 280   | 155            | 265   | 337.5         | 480.0   | 328.5          | 454.0   |
| Lentils                      | 55           | 90    | 54             | 88    | 246.0         | 300.0   | 237.0          | 293.0   |
| Fall Potatoes, All           | 117.0        | 95.0  | 112.0          | 91.0  | 1,107.6       | 1,037.8 | 1,092.0        | 1,022.8 |
| Irrigated <sup>4/5/</sup>    | 37.5         |       | 37.0           |       |               |         |                |         |
| Types, Reds <sup>5/</sup>    | 23.5         | 16.5  | 21.5           |       |               |         |                |         |
| Whites <sup>5/</sup>         | 45.5         | 37.0  | 43.5           |       |               |         |                |         |
| Russets <sup>5/</sup>        | 48.0         | 41.5  | 47.0           |       |               |         |                |         |

<sup>1/</sup> Data are latest estimates available. <sup>2/</sup> Area planted for all purposes. <sup>3/</sup> Published at U.S. level only. <sup>4/</sup> Included in all potatoes. <sup>5/</sup> Published at state level only.

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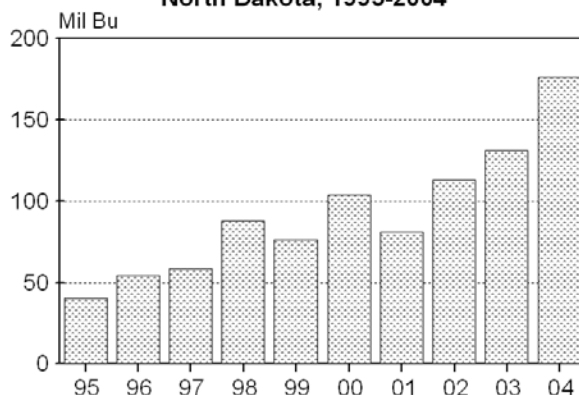
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## CROP PRODUCTION (Continued)

**United States**  
Other spring wheat production is forecast at 545 million bushels, up 9 percent from last month and 2 percent above 2003. Of the production total, 502 million is hard red spring wheat, up 9 percent from last month. Durum wheat production is forecast at 89.0 million bushels, up less than 1 percent from last month but down 8 percent from 2003. Barley production for 2004 is forecast at 273 million bushels, up 4 percent from the July forecast but 1 percent below 2003.

Corn production is forecast at 10.9 billion bushels, up 8 percent from last year and 22 percent above 2002. Yields are expected to average 148.9 bushels per acre. If realized, both production and yield would be the largest on record.

**Corn Production  
North Dakota, 1995-2004**



Soybean production is forecast at 2.88 billion bushels, up 19 percent from 2003 and 4 percent from 2002. If realized, this would be the second largest U.S. soybean production on record.

Dry edible bean production is forecast at 21.3 million cwt in 2004, down 5 percent from last year and 30 percent below two years ago. Acreage adjustments since the June Acreage Report lowered planted acreage estimates 4 percent and reduced harvested expectations by 2 percent.

Sugarbeet production for 2004 is forecast at 28.4 million tons. If realized, this would be 7 percent below last year's production.

**Annual Crop Summary: Yield and Production  
North Dakota and United States, 2003 and Forecasted August 1, 2004 <sup>1/</sup>**

| Crop                                    | Unit | North Dakota        |        |       |               |         | United States       |        |       |               |            |
|---|------|---------------------|--------|-------|---------------|---------|---------------------|--------|-------|---------------|------------|
|   |      | Yield <sup>2/</sup> |        |       | Production    |         | Yield <sup>2/</sup> |        |       | Production    |            |
|   |      | 2003                | 2004   |       | 2003          | 2004    | 2003                | 2004   |       | 2003          | 2004       |
|   |      |                     | July 1 | Aug 1 |               |         |                     | July 1 | Aug 1 |               |            |
|   |      |                     |        |       | --- 1,000 --- |         |                     |        |       | --- 1,000 --- |            |
| Barley                                  | Bu   | 60.0                | 57.0   | 60.0  | 118,800       | 94,800  | 58.9                | 63.5   | 65.7  | 276,087       | 272,824    |
| Corn for Grain                          | Bu   | 112.0               |        | 110.0 | 131,040       | 176,000 | 142.2               |        | 148.9 | 10,113,887    | 10,923,099 |
| Corn for Silage                         | Tons | 6.8                 |        |       | 1,496         |         | 16.2                |        |       | 105,864       |            |
| Hay, All                                | Tons | 1.56                |        | 1.40  | 4,598         | 3,770   | 2.48                |        | 2.63  | 157,123       | 161,763    |
| Alfalfa                                 | Tons | 1.65                |        | 1.50  | 2,640         | 1,950   | 3.24                |        | 3.48  | 76,307        | 77,264     |
| All Other                               | Tons | 1.45                |        | 1.40  | 1,958         | 1,820   | 2.03                |        | 2.15  | 80,816        | 84,499     |
| Oats                                    | Bu   | 59.0                | 53.0   | 63.0  | 21,240        | 17,640  | 65.0                | 62.9   | 66.0  | 144,649       | 127,950    |
| Rye                                     | Bu   | 50.0                |        |       | 750           |         | 27.3                |        |       | 9,254         |            |
| Wheat, All                              | Bu   | 37.3                |        |       | 317,090       |         | 44.2                | 40.6   | 42.0  | 2,336,526     | 2,122,894  |
| Winter                                  | Bu   | 49.0                |        |       | 5,880         |         | 46.7                | 42.2   | 42.8  | 1,707,069     | 1,489,408  |
| Durum                                   | Bu   | 29.5                | 28.0   | 30.0  | 58,410        | 51,000  | 33.7                | 33.2   | 35.3  | 96,637        | 88,951     |
| Other Spring                            | Bu   | 39.5                | 36.0   | 40.0  | 252,800       | 248,000 | 39.7                | 37.9   | 41.2  | 532,820       | 544,535    |
| Canola                                  | Lbs  | 1,410               |        |       | 1,353,600     |         | 1,416               |        |       | 1,512,250     |            |
| Flaxseed                                | Bu   | 18.0                |        |       | 9,900         |         | 17.9                |        |       | 10,426        |            |
| Mustard Seed <sup>3/</sup>              | Lbs  |                     |        |       |               |         | 723                 |        |       | 77,372        |            |
| Rapeseed <sup>3/</sup>                  | Lbs  |                     |        |       |               |         | 949                 |        |       | 1,139         |            |
| Safflower <sup>3/</sup>                 | Lbs  |                     |        |       |               |         | 1,286               |        |       | 272,555       |            |
| Soybeans                                | Bu   | 29.0                |        | 31.0  | 87,870        | 112,530 | 33.4                |        | 39.1  | 2,417,565     | 2,876,627  |
| Sunflower, All                          | Lbs  | 1,304               |        |       | 1,518,850     |         | 1,213               |        |       | 2,665,226     |            |
| Oil                                     | Lbs  | 1,300               |        |       | 1,326,000     |         | 1,206               |        |       | 2,259,666     |            |
| Non-oil                                 | Lbs  | 1,330               |        |       | 192,850       |         | 1,256               |        |       | 405,560       |            |
| Sugarbeets                              | Tons | 20.4                |        | 19.5  | 5,202         | 4,992   | 22.7                |        | 21.4  | 30,583        | 28,378     |
| Dry Edible Beans, All <sup>4/</sup>     | Cwt  | 1,500               |        | 1,450 | 7,800         | 7,685   | 1,672               |        | 1,639 | 22,515        | 21,323     |
| Navy <sup>4/</sup>                      | Cwt  | 1,640               |        |       | 1,164         |         | 1,666               |        |       | 2,514         |            |
| Pinto <sup>4/</sup>                     | Cwt  | 1,480               |        |       | 5,864         |         | 1,635               |        |       | 10,437        |            |
| Black Turtle <sup>4/</sup>              | Cwt  | 1,320               |        |       | 277           |         | 1,565               |        |       | 1,263         |            |
| Dark Red Kidney <sup>4/</sup>           | Cwt  | 1,520               |        |       | 70            |         | 1,746               |        |       | 845           |            |
| Pinks <sup>4/</sup>                     | Cwt  | 1,690               |        |       | 130           |         | 1,962               |        |       | 612           |            |
| Chickpeas, All (Garbanzo) <sup>4/</sup> | Cwt  | 1,570               |        |       | 74            |         | 1,048               |        |       | 434           |            |
| Large <sup>4/</sup>                     | Cwt  | 1,580               |        |       | 60            |         | 1,045               |        |       | 374           |            |
| Small <sup>4/</sup>                     | Cwt  | 1,560               |        |       | 14            |         | 1,071               |        |       | 60            |            |
| Great Northern <sup>4/</sup>            | Cwt  | 1,760               |        |       | 137           |         | 2,135               |        |       | 2,216         |            |
| Other <sup>4/</sup>                     | Cwt  | 1,350               |        |       | 84            |         | 1,662               |        |       | 4,194         |            |
| Dry Edible Peas <sup>4/</sup>           | Cwt  | 1,770               |        |       | 2,744         |         | 1,584               |        |       | 5,202         |            |
| Lentils <sup>4/</sup>                   | Cwt  | 1,170               |        |       | 632           |         | 1,030               |        |       | 2,442         |            |
| Fall Potatoes, All                      | Cwt  | 245                 |        |       | 27,440        |         | 377                 |        |       | 411,386       |            |
| Irrigated <sup>5/ 6/</sup>              | Cwt  | 363                 |        |       | 13,415        |         |                     |        |       |               |            |
| Types, Reds <sup>6/</sup>               | Cwt  | 160                 |        |       | 3,440         |         |                     |        |       |               |            |
| Whites <sup>6/</sup>                    | Cwt  | 191                 |        |       | 8,305         |         |                     |        |       |               |            |
| Russets <sup>6/</sup>                   | Cwt  | 334                 |        |       | 15,695        |         |                     |        |       |               |            |

<sup>1/</sup> Data are latest estimates available. <sup>2/</sup> Yield per harvested acre. <sup>3/</sup> Published at U.S. level only. <sup>4/</sup> Yield in pounds. <sup>5/</sup> Included in all potatoes. <sup>6/</sup> Published at state level only.

## AGRICULTURAL LAND VALUES

### North Dakota

The 2004 average farmland real estate value was \$455 per acre, as cash rent for cropland rose to \$37.50, and pasture rent averaged \$10.20. Farmland real estate was valued at \$455 per acre, an increase of 7 percent over \$425 in 2003 and 17 percent higher than \$390 in 1997. The average value of cropland was \$490 per acre, an increase of \$30 over 2003 and 15 percent higher than \$427 in 1997. Pasture land values averaged \$185 per acre, up 9 percent from \$170 in 2003 and up 12 percent from \$165 in 2002.

### United States

Farm real estate values, a measurement of the value of all land and buildings on farms, averaged \$1,360 per acre on January 1, 2004, up 7 percent from 2003. This is the largest percentage increase since 1994, when farm real estate values rose 8 percent from the previous year. Cropland and pasture values rose by 7 and 6 percent, respectively, from January 1, 2003. Cropland values averaged \$1,780 per acre and pasture values averaged \$644 per acre on January 1, 2004, compared with \$1,660 and \$605 per acre, respectively, a year earlier. The increase in farm real estate values was driven by a combination of factors, including low interest rates, high commodity production and prices, and strong demand for nonagricultural land uses.



**Farm Real Estate, Cropland and Pasture Average Value per Acre, Selected States, 2003-2004**

| Region                         | Farm Real Estate |       |                     | Cropland        |       |                     | Pasture         |       |                     |
|--------------------------------|------------------|-------|---------------------|-----------------|-------|---------------------|-----------------|-------|---------------------|
|                                | 2003             | 2004  | Change<br>2003-2004 | 2003            | 2004  | Change<br>2003-2004 | 2003            | 2004  | Change<br>2003-2004 |
|                                | --- Dollars ---  |       | -- Pct --           | --- Dollars --- |       | -- Pct --           | --- Dollars --- |       | -- Pct --           |
| <b>Lake States:</b>            | 2,010            | 2,220 | 10.4                | 1,860           | 2,030 | 9.1                 | 953             | 1,060 | 11.2                |
| Michigan                       | 2,680            | 2,920 | 9.0                 | 2,350           | 2,550 | 8.5                 | 1,600           | 1,800 | 12.5                |
| Minnesota                      | 1,600            | 1,800 | 12.5                | 1,520           | 1,690 | 11.2                | 625             | 700   | 12.0                |
| Wisconsin                      | 2,300            | 2,500 | 8.7                 | 2,200           | 2,350 | 6.8                 | 1,100           | 1,200 | 9.1                 |
| <b>Corn Belt:</b>              | 2,130            | 2,300 | 8.0                 | 2,270           | 2,460 | 8.4                 | 1,120           | 1,200 | 7.1                 |
| Illinois                       | 2,430            | 2,610 | 7.4                 | 2,500           | 2,700 | 8.0                 | 1,060           | 1,110 | 4.7                 |
| Indiana                        | 2,570            | 2,770 | 7.8                 | 2,550           | 2,750 | 7.8                 | 1,660           | 1,780 | 7.2                 |
| Iowa                           | 2,010            | 2,200 | 9.5                 | 2,120           | 2,320 | 9.4                 | 800             | 880   | 10.0                |
| Missouri                       | 1,470            | 1,580 | 7.5                 | 1,580           | 1,690 | 7.0                 | 1,050           | 1,130 | 7.6                 |
| Ohio                           | 2,740            | 2,930 | 6.9                 | 2,750           | 2,940 | 6.9                 | 1,950           | 2,100 | 7.7                 |
| <b>Northern Plains:</b>        | 594              | 632   | 6.4                 | 737             | 781   | 6.0                 | 258             | 278   | 7.8                 |
| Kansas                         | 685              | 715   | 4.4                 | 684             | 705   | 3.1                 | 410             | 430   | 4.9                 |
| Nebraska                       | 775              | 825   | 6.5                 | 1,210           | 1,290 | 6.6                 | 255             | 275   | 7.8                 |
| North Dakota                   | 425              | 455   | 7.1                 | 460             | 490   | 6.5                 | 170             | 185   | 8.8                 |
| South Dakota                   | 460              | 500   | 8.7                 | 681             | 746   | 9.5                 | 220             | 240   | 9.1                 |
| <b>Mountain:</b>               | 523              | 550   | 5.2                 | 1,170           | 1,230 | 5.1                 | 285             | 300   | 5.3                 |
| Arizona <sup>1/</sup>          | 1,500            | 1,600 | 6.7                 | 6,000           | 6,400 | 6.7                 | 470             | 500   | 6.4                 |
| Colorado                       | 730              | 775   | 6.2                 | 1,050           | 1,110 | 5.7                 | 430             | 460   | 7.0                 |
| Idaho                          | 1,280            | 1,360 | 6.3                 | 1,680           | 1,770 | 5.4                 | 700             | 725   | 3.6                 |
| Montana                        | 390              | 410   | 5.1                 | 520             | 540   | 3.8                 | 270             | 285   | 5.6                 |
| Nevada <sup>1/</sup>           | 480              | 500   | 4.2                 | 1,900           | 1,950 | 2.6                 | 255             | 260   | 2.0                 |
| New Mexico <sup>1/</sup>       | 260              | 265   | 1.9                 | 1,470           | 1,500 | 2.0                 | 160             | 165   | 3.1                 |
| Utah <sup>1/</sup>             | 1,100            | 1,150 | 4.5                 | 2,960           | 3,130 | 5.7                 | 500             | 520   | 4.0                 |
| Wyoming                        | 300              | 315   | 5.0                 | 957             | 1,010 | 5.5                 | 220             | 230   | 4.5                 |
| <b>48 States <sup>2/</sup></b> | 1,270            | 1,360 | 7.1                 | 1,660           | 1,780 | 7.2                 | 605             | 644   | 6.4                 |

<sup>1/</sup> Excludes Native American Reservation Land. <sup>2/</sup> Excludes Alaska and Hawaii.

AGRICULTURAL CASH RENTS

**North Dakota**  
Average cash rent for cropland in North Dakota was \$37.50 per acre in 2004. This is \$1.00 higher than 2003 and \$1.50 higher than 2002. Since 1997 cropland rent has been \$35 or higher, and has remained near 8 percent of the average value for cropland. Cash rent for pasture in 2004 averaged \$10.20 per acre, up from \$9.80 in 2003. Since 1997 pasture rent has averaged \$9 or more, and has remained near 6 percent of the average value for pasture land.

**United States**  
Cash rents paid to landlords for cropland and pasture during the 2004 crop year rose from 2003. Cropland

cash rents paid in 2004 averaged 5 percent above a year earlier, advancing to \$76.50 per acre, compared with \$73.00 per acre for 2003. Cropland cash rents increased in all regions except the Pacific region, where rental rates were unchanged.

Pasture cash rents rose 7 percent, from \$9.00 per acre in 2003 to \$9.60 per acre in 2004. Pasture cash rents rose in all regions, led by an 8 percent increase in the Pacific region and a 7 percent increase in the Corn Belt. In the Northern Plains and Southern Plains regions, which combine for about two-thirds of the cash-rented pasture acreage, rental rates were up 5 percent and 1 percent, respectively.

Cropland and Pasture Rented for Cash, by Selected States, 2003-2004

| Region        | Cropland           |        | Pasture            |       |
|---------------|--------------------|--------|--------------------|-------|
|               | 2003               | 2004   | 2003               | 2004  |
|               | (Dollars per Acre) |        | (Dollars per Acre) |       |
| Michigan      | 60.00              | 62.00  | ---                | ---   |
| Minnesota     | 82.00              | 83.50  | 19.00              | 19.50 |
| Wisconsin     | 68.00              | 70.00  | 36.00              | 37.00 |
| Illinois      | 123.00             | 126.00 | 32.50              | 34.00 |
| Indiana       | 103.00             | 107.00 | ---                | ---   |
| Iowa          | 122.00             | 126.00 | 31.00              | 32.50 |
| Missouri      |                    |        | 23.50              | 26.00 |
| Non-Irrigated | 70.00              | 76.00  |                    |       |
| Kansas        | 39.00              | 41.00  | 12.60              | 13.20 |
| Irrigated     | 68.00              | 72.00  |                    |       |
| Non-Irrigated | 36.00              | 37.50  |                    |       |
| Nebraska      | 92.00              | 95.00  | 11.50              | 12.00 |
| Irrigated     | 123.00             | 125.00 |                    |       |
| Non-Irrigated | 67.00              | 70.00  |                    |       |
| North Dakota  | 36.50              | 37.50  | 9.80               | 10.20 |
| South Dakota  |                    |        | 11.00              | 11.60 |
| Non-Irrigated | 45.00              | 47.50  |                    |       |
| Montana       | 24.00              | 24.50  | 4.50               | 5.00  |
| Irrigated     | 48.00              | 49.00  |                    |       |
| Non-Irrigated | 18.50              | 18.90  |                    |       |

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